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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of October 12, 2005, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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